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REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER RULE 53(b)

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a continuation/ divisional
of the pending prior PATENT APPLICATION of:

for: **MAERTENS et al.**

No. 08/362,455

Filed January 11, 1995

For: NEW SEQUENCES OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS GENOTYPES AND THEIR USE AS
THERAPEUTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC AGENTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This request for filing under Rule 53(b) is made by the following named inventor(s) (using the above-identified title):
Inventor(s): **MAERTENS et al.**

Attached is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed including the specification, claims, Sequence Listing, Oath/Declaration and drawings (if any) and abstract (if any). No amendments (if any) referenced in the Oath or Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application:

Application Number

93.401 099.2

93.402.019.9

PCT/EP94/01323

certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) attached or

already filed on _____ in prior appln. no. _____ filed _____

already filed in PCT/EP94/01323 filed April 27, 1994

Country

Europe

Europe

International

Day/Month/Year/Filed

27/April/1993

05/August/1993

27/April/1994

The prior application is assigned to N.V. INNOGENETICS S.A..

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Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line --This is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/362,455, filed January 11, 1995, allowed, which is a 371 application of PCT/EP94/01323, filed April 27, 1994, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure copendency.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner for the reasons stated therein and return of an initialed copy of the attached PTO-1449 Form listing same, pursuant to MPEP §609, are requested.

Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:
ATTACHED

The entire disclosure of the prior application above-referenced is considered as being part of the disclosure of this new application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED

Basic Filing Fee	\$	690.00
Total effective claims 23 - 20 (at least 20) = 3 x \$ 18.00	\$	54.00
Independent claims 1 - 3 (at least 3) = 0 x \$ 78.00	\$	0.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$260.00 (ignore improper)	\$	0.00
SUBTOTAL	\$	744.00
If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract	\$	0.00
SECOND SUBTOTAL	\$	744.00
Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)	\$	0.00
TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED	\$	744.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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